

REMARKS

[0002] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-60 are presently pending. Claims 1-12, 31-38 and 51-54 are original. Claims 11-30, 39-50 and 55-60 are withdrawn.

Election/Restriction

[0003] The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing three (3) patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-12, 31-38, and 51-54, drawn to a method and apparatus for applying a capitalization or spacing rule to words obtained from an EPG, classified in class 725, subclass 44.
- II. Claims 13-17 and 39-43, drawn to a method and apparatus for searching for keywords in an EPG which match a television program's characteristics, classified in class 725, subclass 45.
- III. Claims 18-30, 44-50 and 55-60, drawn to a method and apparatus for analyzing EPG data and assigning an event identifier to a TV program by analyzing program characteristics, classified in class 725, subclass 38.

[0004] The Applicant hereby elects to prosecute Group I (claims 1-12, 31-38 and 51-54) in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. Consequently, claims 11-30, 39-50 and 55-60 are effectively withdrawn.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0005] If the Office's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned Agent for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issue quickly and efficiently over the phone.

Conclusion

[0006] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action. Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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